

Hopkinton Open Space Committee
Wednesday July 10, 2013, 7:15 p.m.

Local History Room, Hopkinton Town Library

Final Minutes

(accepted at OSC meeting 8/14/13)

Administrative

- In attendance: Natalie Duval, Lucia Kittredge, Ron Klemarczyk, Sara Persechino, Dijit Taylor
- Minutes of May and June meetings accepted as presented
- Upcoming meeting dates: Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11 (all at Local History Room at Hopkinton Town Library)

Projects

- Bohanan boat access – Jamie has agreed, with some misgiving, to allowing people to drive to the access point, drop off boats and return vehicle to parking area. Ron has talked to Lori Sommer of DES and learned that no DES permit is required if there are no permanent posts with the structure. The access point is in the flood plain not a wetland.
- Bound Tree Road – nothing has been heard from the interested abutting landowner
- Beyer Conservation Easement – no update available

Trails Sub-Committee Report (Lucia sent notes by email shortly before the meeting)

- Landowner outreach – Lucia and Cleve had a good meeting with an important landowner on a possible spur or link beyond the greenway
- Trail agreements (and related topics)
 - Esther Cowles has been on site walk and is doing initial outreach to a landowner
 - Hopkinton Village Precinct has agreed to concept of trail and is exploring placing some kind of restriction on their lot between Old Putney Hill Road and Rte 103
 - This would be a good time to put a conservation easement on the aqueduct lot – neighbors are supportive following cell tower proposal and it would help to further protect that part of the greenway Dijit to write to Cons Com about the idea
- Trail marking/construction
 - Trail marking and signage
 - Trail will be blazed in yellow
 - Samantha Wilder designing a sign to say/represent “Hopkinton Village Greenway”
 - Krista Helmboldt will assist
 - Dates for trail work (set by Ron & Cleve)
 - Work weekend 9/7-8

- Bridges
 - Cons Com is paying for materials and Ron's workaday time
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 - Ron will pre cut pieces
 - Ron can install evenings and weekends with some help from other committee members
 - Construction priority
 - Aqueduct lot
 - Rqnsmeier
 - Sweatt
- Greenway Grand Opening Day
 - Sara is helping with ideas and execution
 - Map as brochure
 - "postcard" announcements to local locations
 - Community partners to help
 - Sara will write up info seeking modest sponsorship from some local businesses
 - Tee shirts? Free to first xx participants? On committee members?
 - Need snacks and water in 3 locations
 - Trail map for grand opening
 - CNHRPC can make map , can loan GPS to map rail and add it to the base map made for town meeting
 - Start at Kimball Cabins
 - Offer guided hikes or just have trails available, perhaps with knowledgeable person at each start/end point?
 - Special activities for kids/families?

Slide show – Dijit to make copy for Lucia

Updates

- Website
 - Kathy Barnes can fix it for \$500
 - Putting it into WordPass would allow less technical people to manage it better
 - Lucia to seek Cons Com members to suggest this expenditure to that committee
- Ron to review draft conservation easement for land locked parcel abutting Bohanan East parcel

Adjournment 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dijit Taylor, recorder